GOOD NEWS FOR HOMEMAKERS

By Shirley W. Walton
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Early American Brass

Antique collectors need to do some homework and a lot of looking and studying when they seek Early American brass.

When searching for old brass, you are likely to find ladles, three-legged pots and fireplace equipment.

Very few Early American pieces were marked. There is a problem with being able to identify what is American. We have very little idea of what actually was produced here.

Early brass just steadily increases in value as it gets older and more scarce. The price depends a great deal on the individual pieces. Keep in mind that marked pieces always bring more than unmarked ones.

Candlesticks, which were very plentiful, are becoming more and more difficult to find. There's not only an increase in cost but an increase in scarcity.

When judging the pros and cons of buying a particular piece, bear in mind that something is important when it has artistic importance, historic importance, and when it is rare.

The early settlers were never short of ingenuity. Proof of this perhaps is the reddish color of many of the native andirons made in and around Boston before the Wars of Independence. To get the red color old brass was melted down and mixed with old bronze (which is an alloy of copper and tin).

It is interesting to note, that the hearth, heart of every home, was the first thing American-born craftsmen reered their own style and began to make finished articles for their own people. Thus we have brass andirons and from that period.

Brass hardware for furniture was usually imported; although a few rare pieces of Early American furniture sometimes have cast brass decorations which could have been made locally.

The care of brass poses a problem because brass is relatively soft metal. It requires quite a bit of maintenance and sustains quite a bit of wear. There are good commercial brass polishes. Follow the directions on the label and use with care on your old treasured pieces of brass.

One last thing to keep in mind is that people fake brass, so be on your guard, do some homework and a lot of looking and studying before you buy and pay the price of an antique.

SWEET POTATOES & PECAN CRUST

3 cups sweet potatoes boiled in skins, mashed
1 cup sugar
½ cup milk
2 eggs
½ stick margarine
1 teaspoon vanilla

Topping: (mix all ingredients together)
1 c. chopped pecans
1 c. brown sugar, not packed
½ stick butter
½ cup flour

Allow butter to soften at room temperature or melt. Potatoes may be prepared several days ahead and refrigerated. Add topping just prior to baking. Use extra butter, if desired. Bake 350° for 30 minutes.

Rocks

Rocks - Feb. 9 - The Ground Hog saw his shadow clear and plain on February 2nd. Winter took on a fresh start. Snow and school closed for the day.

Mrs. Louise Roach, Ruby Almond and Elsie Ranson were visiting Dave Goin awhile Tuesday afternoon, also at Ruby Jamerson's Nursing Home the same afternoon.

Sympathy is extended Mrs. Charlie Ranson in the death of her nephew, Darryl Lynn Cash of Madison Heights on Tuesday afternoon.

Patricia Elder was sick last week and missed a few days from school

The Rocks Club had its February meeting with Odelle Paulette on Thursday night.

Mrs. Paul Wilson had a quilting on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Martin, Jr. attended the Young Farmers and Young Homemakers Convention in Roanoke Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Richardson were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Almond and Children on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Martin went to Richmond Sunday to see her cousin, Ryland Maxey, who was in Medical College Hospital. He will be there for around two months.

A number of the young folks and adults attended the Film, "Thief in the Night," at Spout Spring Church on Saturday Night.

WMU Focus Week was observed at Rocks on Sunday. Special music rendered by WMS and BYW Ladies, also Youth Choir.

The evening message was brought by Mrs. Frace Faulkenberry, Home and State Missionary, who is Director of the Baptist Center in Lynchburg, Va.

You missed a lot by not hearing her. 83 members enrolled in WMU Organizations If you are not one of these members, you are invited to attend one of the meetings Wednesday night.

Mrs. Louise Roach and Mrs. Mary Edith Morris attended a Vacation Bible School Conference at Eagle Eyrie Friday and Saturday.

Dennis Wagner and daughter, Jennifer of North Carolina arrived Sunday afternoon to spend a few days with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Donald Wagner and Gary.

Cassie Baldwin was visiting Mrs. Jewel Seay at Southside Hospital, Farmville and Mrs. Pauline Baldwin at her home on Thursday afternoon.

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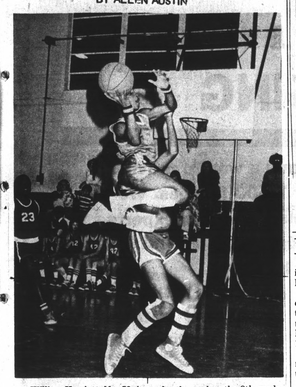

William Hamlett, No. 53, leaps for the goal as the 8th grade Raiders win over Jefferson Forest 50-31. The 8th grade Raiders have a perfect record for the season.

photo by Allen Austin

The Buffalo Braves, pictured, are one of the 12 teams in the Little League Basketball Association., On the front row, kneeling from left to right are M. J. House, Jr. and Kevin Ferguson. On the back row, standing from l. to r. are Robert Preston, James Beaty, Rick Caldwell, Mike Williams, Bobby Booker, and —— Dillard. On the very back row, standing, is their coach, Kenny Wayne Carter.

Liberty Wins

The Raiders were not able to stop Vincent Lawrey as he shot 33 points to lead the scoring in Liberty's win over Appomattox 68-60.

The Raiders were led by David Kelso who scored 14 points and Bobo Trent,11, while Ennoch Robinson added his 10 markers for Appomattox.

By halftime, Liberty had gained a 10 point lead over the Raiders. The Raiders went to the foul line 27 times that night to make 14 which gave them 52%. This is compared to Liberty 66% at the foul line.

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Raiderettes Drop One

The Raiderettes after going into 2 sets of overtime lost to Liberty 51-47.

The game started as a close one and ended a close one. In the first quarter the score revealed a 2 point lead for Liberty with the score being 10-8.

At halftime it was a whole new ball game as the score was tied 21 all.

Both teams battling for the lead, Liberty gain a good margin but Liberty, in the third quarter, was only one point ahead of the Raiderettes with 29-28. The regular game ended with the score tied 43-43. The Raiderettes and Liberty went into overtime and at the end of the time the score was tied again at 45-45.

Both teams immediately went into the second overtime period.Liberty finally won in overtime, 51-47.

Maryjane Smith led the Raiderettes with 26 points. Cheryl Dooley was high scorer for Liberty having 15 points.

The Raiderettes shot 41% from the field compared to 38% for Liberty. At the foul line the Raiderettes were 3 for 9 or 33% while Liberty shot 36%.

Carolyn Jean Smith, for the Raiderettes, was high rebounder with 11.

This left the Raiderettes with a 13-1 record. Mrs. Martin said the girls took the loss with good spirits and are glad to lose one now instead of in the tournament.

Smith Brothers Lead Nelson

The Smith Brothers, James and Clinton, led Nelson to a 60-45 victory over the Raiders. James shot 20 points and Clinton dropped 17 buckets.

The Raiders had two men in double figures, David Kelson, with 16 points and Ennoch Robinson with 10.

The Raiders shot 42% of their shots from the court, compared to 54% of Nelson.

Nelson had a good night at the foul line as they shot 11 for 13 or 77%. The Raiders were 7 for 12 at the foul line totaling 58%.

Nelson out rebounded the Raiders 19-15 and the Raiders' Ennoch Robinson had 9 of the 15 rebounds.

The Raiders were unable to cool Nelson and lost 60-45.

LITTLE LEAGUE BASKETBALL STANDINGS

8 - 9 Year Olds

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Warriors	4	1
Knicks	3	2
Bucks	3	2
Rockets	0	5

Results - Warriors 6 - Knicks 4; Bucks 26 - Rockets 10

10-11 Year Olds

Globetrotters	4	1
Braves	3	2
Knicks	3	2
Lakers	0	5

Results - Globetrotters 31 - Braves 29(3OT); Knicks 20 - Lakers 11

12 - 13 Year Olds

Celtics	4	1
Lakers	4	1
Warriors	1	4
Bullets	1	4

Results - Lakers 38 - Celtics 30; Bullets 25 - Warriors 15

MRS. THOMAS' 4-H

Mrs. Thomas' 4-H Club held its monthly meeting on Thurs., Feb. 5, at the Appomattox Elementary School. The president, Tim Tillery, presided over the business meeting and Mr. James Smith held the program.

Mr. Smith talked about building bluebird houses and projects that 4-H members may have. He told us about the following coming events that we may enter: 4-H Demonstration Speeches, Bicentennial Poster Contest, 4-H Camp at Holiday Lake, and Wild Bird Seed Patches.

It was reported that our club was represented by the following members in the county 4-H Public Speaking Contest: Scott Drinkard, red ribbon; Julie Lettner, blue ribbon; Todd Matthews, red ribbon; and Tammy Smith, red ribbon.

Connie Clifton, Reporter

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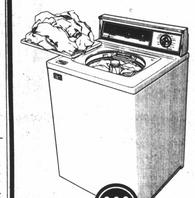

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